

RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NASHUA ELKS CRUSADERS PEE WEE DIVISION I FOOTBALL TEAM

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Six

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that

Congratulations from Mayor Bernard A. Streeter and the Board of Aldermen is hereby extended to the Nashua Elks Crusaders Pee Wee Division I football team for capturing the 2005 State Championship in the Pee Wee Division 1. This team has a season that ranks with the best in the history of the organization. They bounced back from a regular season defeat to the Salem Rams and defeated them in overtime to win the New Hampshire State championship. They went on to shut out the Connecticut State champion, Waterbury Knights (21-0), and the Rhode Island champion, Coventry Rams (24-0), in regional competition, despite being physically smaller than these squads, showing that heart, character, and discipline can overcome physical size difference.

The team then went on to the National American Youth Football Championship Tournament. The Nashua Elks Crusaders played the host Oro Valley, Arizona, Dolphins, who were not only bigger than Nashua, but faster as well. Oro Valley jumped out on top 6-0, but Nashua showed their grit and determination going ahead 7-6 then 14-6 to start the second half thanks to a 6 minute, 75 yard drive. Oro Valley broke two long touchdown runs to go up 18-14, but Nashua did not quit, driving for another score, coming up just short. Nashua bounced back with convincing wins over Rockaway, New York (39-6) and Phoenix, Arizona (21-0) to claim the Consolation Bracket Division I Title. The best compliment came from the Dale City, Virginia, pee wee coaches who won the National Championship and stated that Nashua would have been their toughest test.

This championship team together with its coaches demonstrated the hard work, determination, talent and tenacity necessary to achieve such a prestigious goal. Your accomplishments bring pride to the City of Nashua. We wish you the best.

Congratulations to the Nashua Elks Crusaders Pee Wee Team Members:

David Drummond, *Head Coach* Tom Dube – *Asst. Coach* Chris Haftel, *Asst. Coach* Mark Lilley, *Asst. Coach* Steve Boule, Asst. Coach

Mark Gosselin, Asst. Coach

Branden Lilley, Asst. Coach

Lynn Farkas, Team Mom

David Drummond - Captain

Tim Dube - Captain

Keith Farkas - Captain

Joe Haftel - Captain

Matt Lilley, Defensive Captain

Kevin Ayala

Leo Barrosso

Austin Bauer

Jimmy Boudreau

Cory Boule

Nick Bower

Brandon Dubray

Ryan Faulconer

Dylan Flesch

Corey Forrest

Zach Fraser

Zach Gosselin

Eric Hazard

Brandon Karkhanis

Aaron Lavoie

Colton Macero

Bobby Manganello

Scott Martin

Armond McRae

Alex Perez

Ray Ramos

Josh Swabowicz

Ethan Taylor

Chris Terrio

Ryan Villett

Ian Williams